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JACKSON: SEND ME YOUR RESUMES

National Effort to Dramatize Unemployment Problem Begins Today

Today, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. issued a call for resumes on the floor of the House of Representatives, in order to demonstrate the unemployment problem in the country. Following his remarks, he made the following statement:

"Today, I began an effort to mobilize the unemployed, the under-employed and the economically desperate. I will be collecting resumes of out-of-work Americans in order to submit them for the Congressional Record as a way of putting a face on the jobs crisis we confront. By sending their resumes to me, the unemployed will be permitting me to use their stories as we fight for jobs and enter their curriculum vitae into the Record.

"Of course, sending me a resume will not put anybody first in line for a job. It will not be forwarded to anybody who is hiring. But it will put the jobs issue front and center before the government so that we can remind elected officials that we need to go to work everyday for those who aren't allowed to go to work everyday, but want to," Jackson concluded.

Resumes can be emailed to ResumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov , or sent by mail to:

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20009

Jackson's remarks on the floor of the House, as prepared for delivery, are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, as we enter 2011, we find ourselves in the same jobs situation as in 2010.

"In order to show the huge need for jobs, I'll be collecting resumes from Americans who are unemployed or underemployed. I'll submit them for the Congressional Record.

"Unfortunately, submitting these resumes for the Record will NOT get anybody a job.

"By collecting these resumes, I hope to dramatize the shameful condition of unemployment and compel action to do something about it. I hope to remind my colleagues every day that we work for those Americans who have been left behind, but who want to work.

"Today I call on my fellow Americans to send me your resume and your story to resumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov.

If you are out of work, send me your resume and story so that I can use it to remind our government of the need to act.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that America has issued a bad check, that it has come back marked insufficient funds....But the vault of opportunity of this nation is not bankrupt.

"Again, Mr. Speaker, sending a resume to me will not put you first in line for any job. But it will put you front and center to remind your government that so many Americans are in need, and that we must create jobs.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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